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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

‘**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** it is imperative for the Department of Health and Human Services to have authority to enter and inspect a health care facility or other entity to investigate if the facility or entity has violated the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,’

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

‘**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.’

## SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.